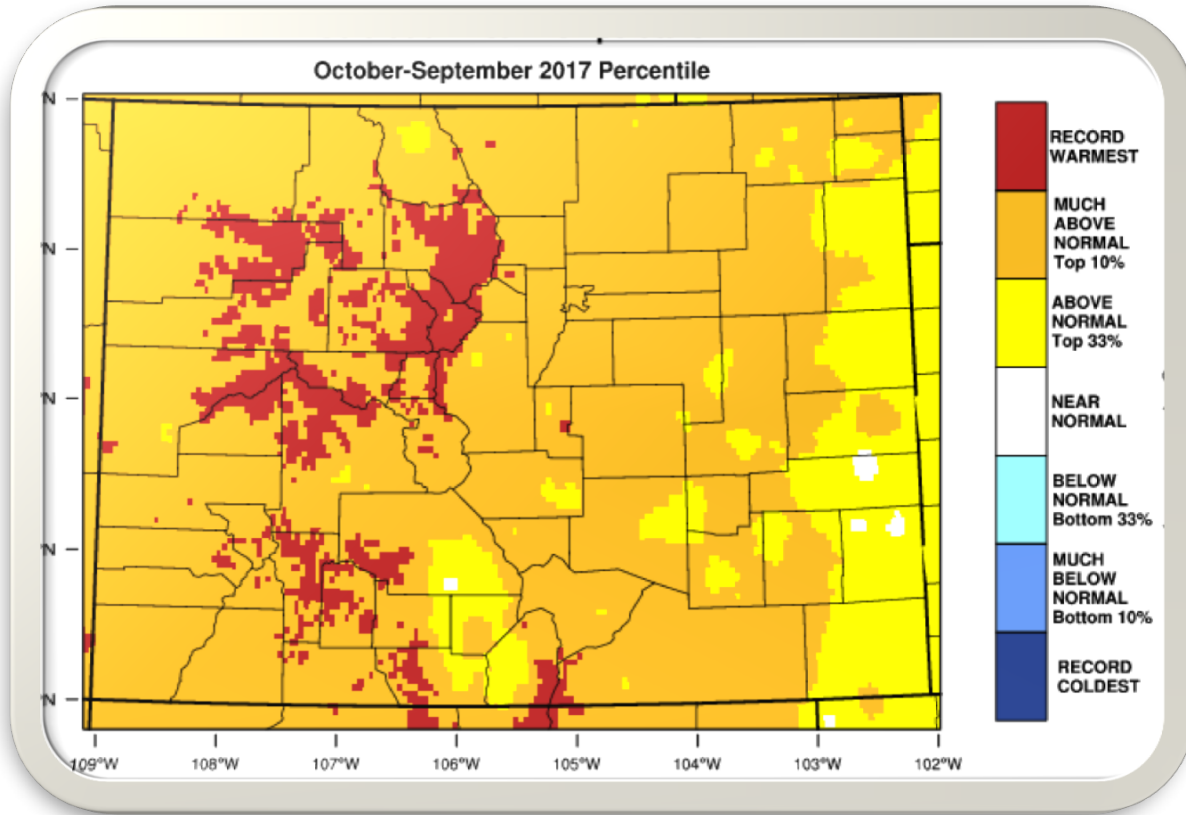


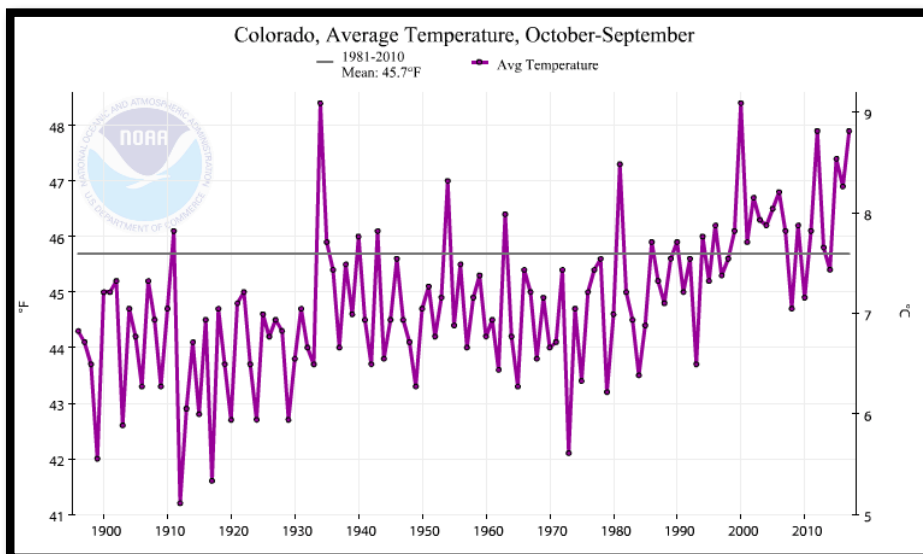
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WY2017 Temperature

Annually, temperatures were warmer than average across the state, with record warmth in the higher elevations.

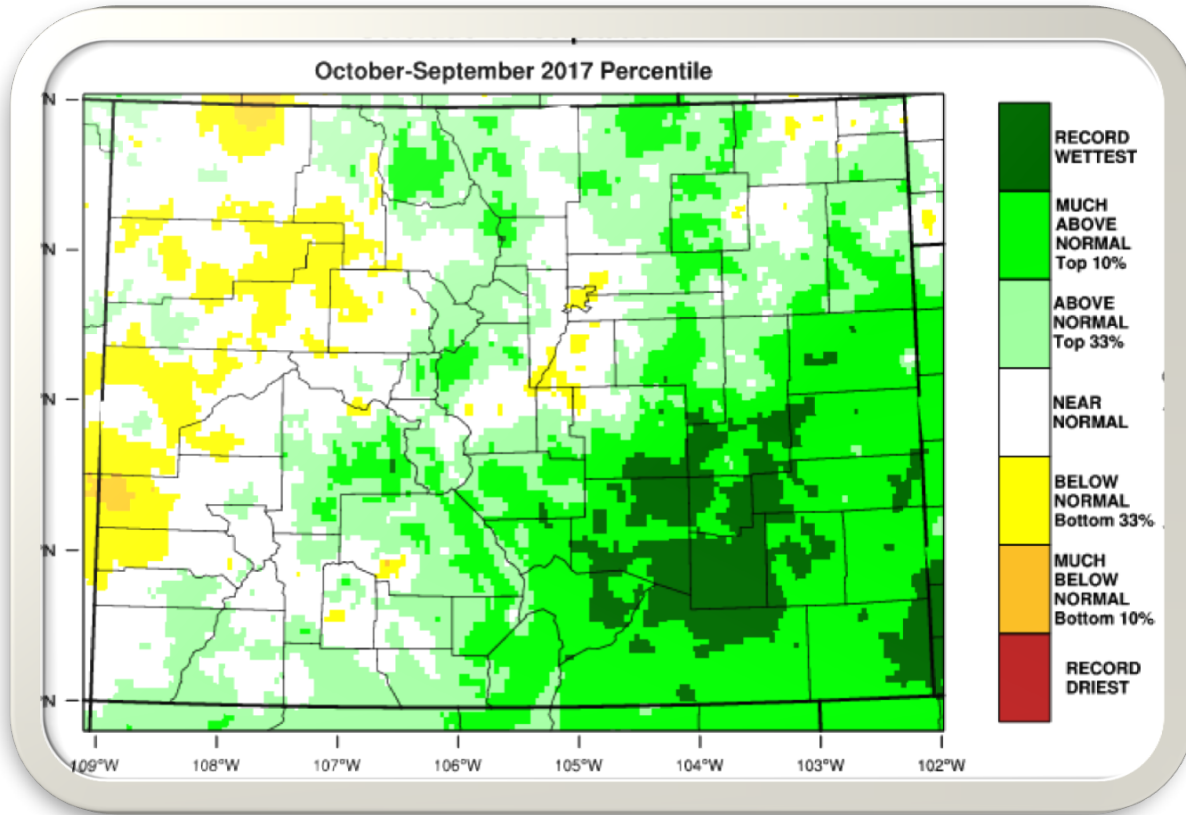


WY2017 tied for the 3rd warmest water year on record for the state. The WY average temperature is 45.7°F, and WY2017 was 2.2°F warmer.

Graph from NOAA/NCEI



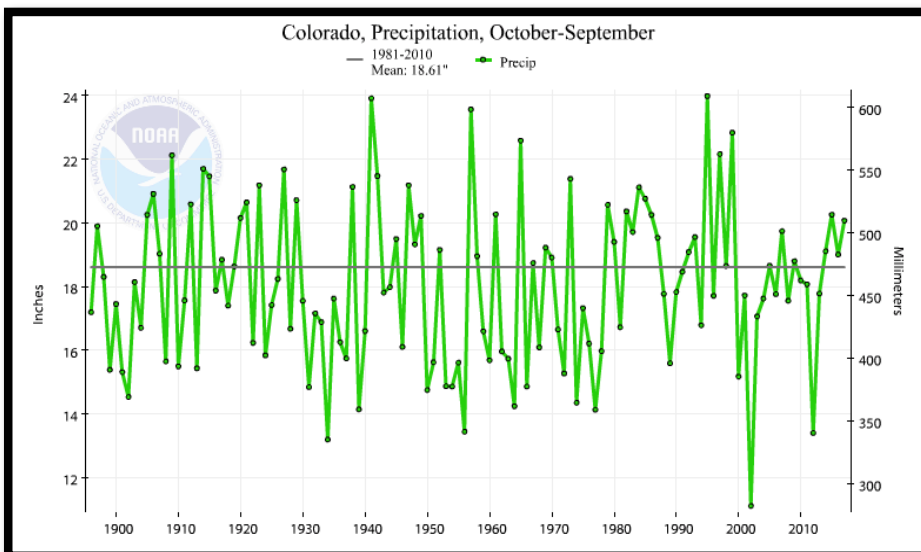
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WY2017 Precipitation

Annually, most of the state received near normal to above normal precipitation. Some of southeast CO saw a record wet year, while parts of western CO were drier than average.



WY2017 was the 30th wettest water year on record. The WY average precipitation is 18.61", and WY2017 was 1.46" wetter.

Graph from NOAA/NCEI



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Fort Collins reports its fifth consecutive May with snow.

Estes Park receives 3 feet of snow in a May snowstorm.
* photo courtesy Adnan Akyuz

39 stations top out over 80°F, and 61 stations report over 70°F in mid-February.
*photo courtesy 9News

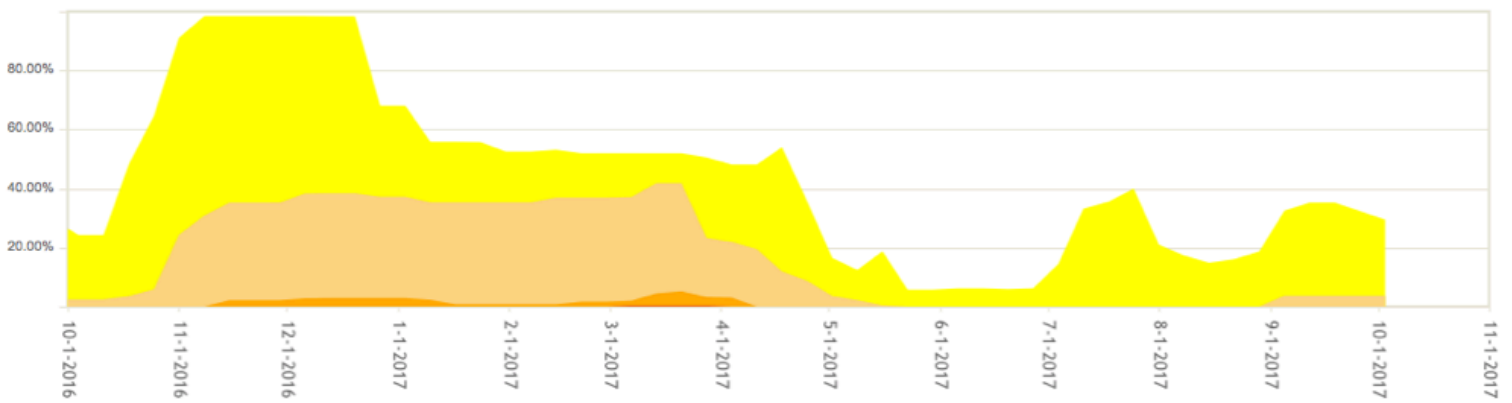
After one of the bleakest starts to the snowpack season in recorded history, high elevation snow came on strong in Dec-Jan. Crested Butte recorded 152" of snowfall, 6 feet over their Dec-Jan average!
*Photo courtesy Denver Post

The costliest hailstorm in CO history pummeled the Denver area on May 8. Estimated at over \$1.4 Billion in damage, it closed down the Colorado Mills mall for several months.
*photo courtesy Jerry Bell/KOA

A late season blizzard at the end of April helped relieve drought conditions, but resulted in widespread and devastating livestock casualties.
*photo courtesy Brian Allmer

Water Year 2017 Significant Events

Colorado Percent Area



Drought Classification

None D0 (Abnormally Dry) D1 (Moderate Drought) D2 (Severe Drought) D3 (Extreme Drought) D4 (Exceptional Drought)

Percent of state in drought according to U.S. Drought Monitor.
Drought conditions were minimal in WY2017 and nearly disappeared in the summer.



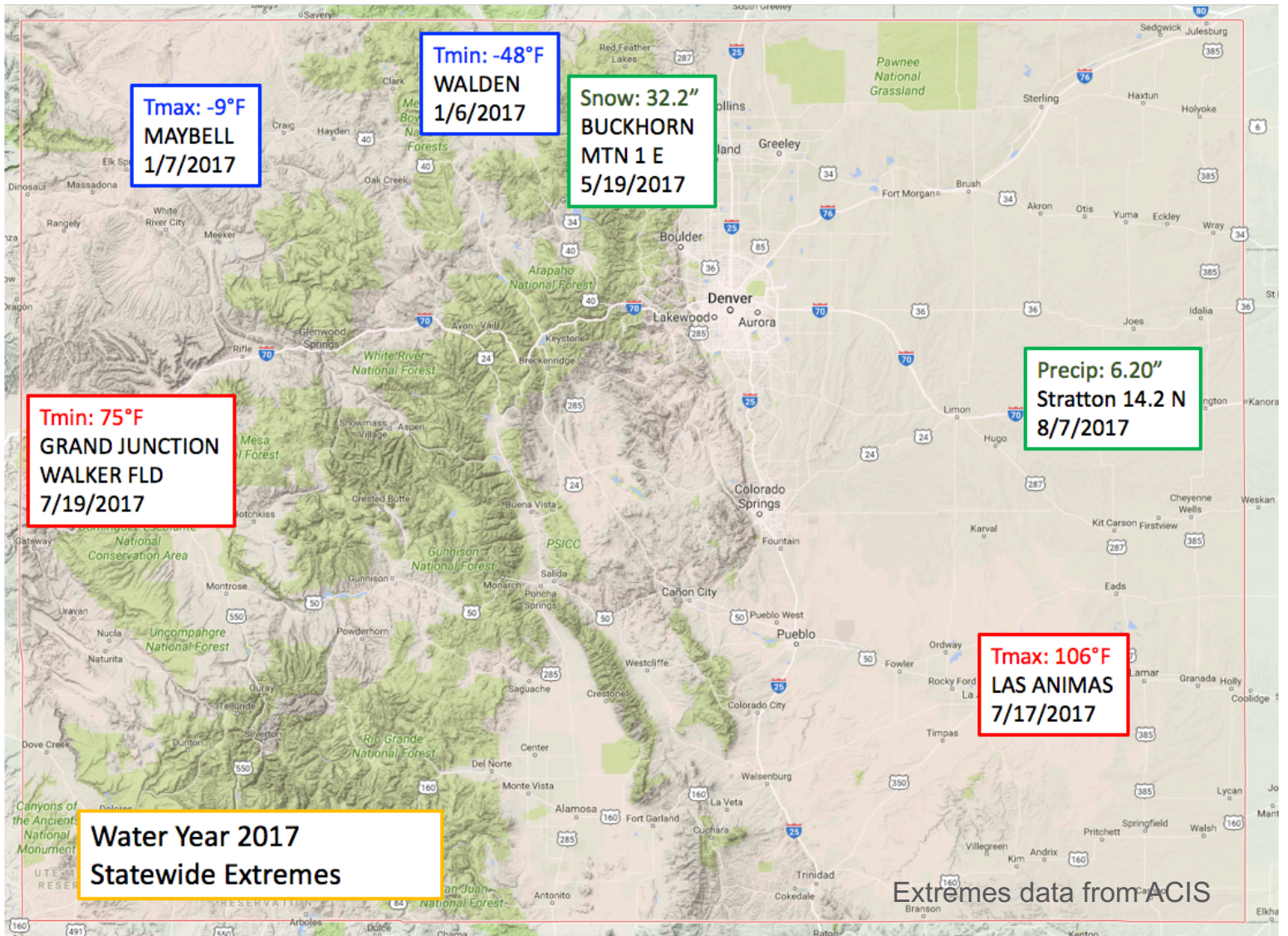
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The table shows the number of stations around the state with a daily report that broke a record for that day or for an entire month.

Weather Record Broken	Record broken for a day	Record broken for a month
Highest Max Temperature	1,047	44
Highest Min Temperature	2,357	113
Lowest Max Temperature	613	2
Lowest Min Temperature	357	5
Highest Precipitation	1,152	35
Highest Snowfall	338	9

Records from NOAA/NCEI

Warmest minimum temperatures were the most common record broken, while record cold temperatures were uncommon.

